

Job Description

Title of post:	Freelance Trainee Musician (YMI)
Accountable to:	Community Engagement Officer, Fèis Rois
Hours:	Up to 80 hours
Location:	Mainly in the community, and also at the Fèis Rois office at 16/17 High Street, Dingwall, IV15 9RU and some home working
Fee:	£2,000
Project Dates:	June 2022 to January 2023

About Fèis Rois

Fèis Rois is widely recognised as one of Scotland's leading youth arts organisations. Regularly funded by Creative Scotland, Fèis Rois aims to enable people of all ages to participate in music making opportunities, particularly traditional music and the broader traditional arts which are intrinsically linked to the Gaelic language. Fèis Rois recognises and supports innovation within tradition and, as such, offers a number of song writing, composition and digital projects, as well as commissioning new work. Find out more at www.feisrois.org

About Tàlaidhean Ùra: The Fèis Rois Lullaby Project

The Fèis Rois Lullaby Project pairs musicians with new mothers to write lullabies for their wee ones, in support of emotional health & wellbeing and early childhood development. We are partnered with Carnegie Hall, which pioneered the Lullaby Project in New York City, and we also work closely with the University of Aberdeen, which is researching the impact the project has on emotional health and well-being.

Our first Lullaby Project was established in early 2020 and saw a blend of in-person and online sessions as the pandemic developed. We welcomed women from four focused areas in the Highlands: Alness, Dingwall, Wester Ross and Inverness. By the end of the project in late 2021, 22 lullabies had been written in Gaelic, English, Portuguese and Arabic. A number of these lullabies have been recorded and shared on our Lullaby soundcloud <https://soundcloud.com/thefeisroislullabyproject>

Our second Lullaby Project, funded by the Youth Music Initiative, will be starting at the end of May 2022 and we will be offering sessions in the following areas this year:



INVERNESS

May – September

These sessions are aimed at women who are under 25 years old and pregnant/caring for babies up to 3 years old.

ALNESS

August – November

These sessions are open to women of any age.

TAIN

August – November

These sessions are open to women of any age and will look at introducing the Gaelic language. We encourage participation for those who do not yet have Gaelic but who are interested in exploring Gaelic Medium Education for their children.

Each session will be 2 hours in length, over the course of 10 weeks. A free creche service will be available for the duration of the sessions.

The sessions explore songwriting, craft and games as each participant works towards writing their own complete lullaby by the end of the 10 weeks.

We will have a sharing event to celebrate what has been achieved during the project on a date to be agreed between November 2022 and January 2023.

Person Specification

Thanks to support from the Youth Music Initiative, Fèis Rois is looking to recruit a trainee musician aged 18 – 25 with a background in performance, music education and/or music technology to support the delivery of The Lullaby Project. This placement will include the opportunity to shadow musicians who are experienced at working in participatory settings, as well as a number of training and continued professional development opportunities.

The Project Trainee will be supported by Fèis Rois staff and will be expected to:

- Shadow and support artists during the delivery of the project;
- Attend mentoring sessions with professional musicians;
- Write a blog and/or end of project report to evaluate the skills and experience gained during the project.

We are looking for a musician who has:

- Some experience of either paid or voluntary work on participatory music making projects in either a community or education context;
- The ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of people;



- An interest in working in early years settings, e.g. with young people of pre-school age
- Good organisational skills and good time management
- The ability to multitask, prioritise and be flexible in your approach.

Contract and Fee

This is a freelance contract from June 2022 to January 2023.

There is a total fee of £2,000 for up to 80 hours of work which includes working in the community delivering Lullaby project sessions, attending meetings, completing training courses and participating in mentoring opportunities. This is paid at a trainee rate of £25/hour.

Travel expenses will be reimbursed separately.

You will be responsible for your own tax and national insurance contributions.

The Inverness sessions will take place in Merkinch Community Centre on Mondays from 10am to 12pm. The times, days and venues for the Alness and Tain sessions are to be confirmed. Applicants must be available to attend all sessions in Inverness, Alness and Tain.

PVG

The successful candidate will be required to complete an Enhanced PVG application with Disclosure Scotland.

To Apply

Please send a covering letter and CV (maximum 2 x A4 pages) to tj.bawden@feisrois.org outlining your reasons for applying, your suitability for the post and how the position will support your professional development.

Deadline: Midday, Monday 30th May

Interviews will take place in Inverness on Thursday 2nd June 2022.

For informal enquiries regarding this position please contact Teya-Jean Bawden on 07576 545 252 or email tj.bawden@feisrois.org

